GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6045
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REPORT BY SUB-GROUP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sub-group of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has recommended in its report for increasing meat exports and stressed the need to sustain the leather sector and even called for the removal of the ban on beef export;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the composition of the said sub-group;

(d) whether the Government have accepted the report of the sub-group and sent it to the Planning Commission;

(e) if so, whether the Planning Commission has sanctioned around Rs.1800 crores for the meat sector in the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. The removal of the ban on meat export is neither in the interest of livestock producers nor in national interest. However, a study on economics of meat export would be desirable to critically examine the benefits of meat exports in national interest.

(b): The restrictions imposed on slaughter of buffaloes in some States could be deleted as the buffalo population or milk production was not affected in the States where there are no restrictions.

(c): The Sub-Group XI - Meat Sector was formulated on 9th February, 2001 vide Order NO.12043/3/2000-Agri.The composition is as follows:

i) Mr. Irfan Allana-Chairman
ii) Dr. J.S. Berwal-Member
iii) Mr.Satish Sabharwal-Member
iv) Mr. R.K. Boyal-Member
v) Dr. N. Kondaiah-Member Secretary

(d): The sub-group on Meat submitted a report to the Working Group on Animal Husbandry & Dairying for the Tenth Five Year Plan(2002-07).

(e) & (f): The Planning Commission has not sanctioned around Rs.1800 crores for the Meat Sector in the Tenth Five Year Plan, however, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying has allocated Rs.45 crores for 10th Five Year Plan.